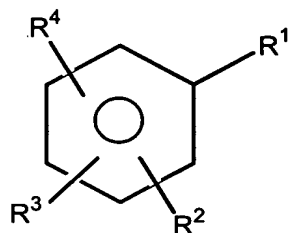


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Non-absorbent articles are disclosed. The non-absorbent articles include an effective amount of an aromatic inhibitory compound to substantially inhibit the production of exotoxins by Gram positive bacteria. The aromatic inhibitory compounds of the present invention have the general formula:



wherein R¹ is -OR⁶OH; R⁶ is a divalent saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbyl moiety; R², R³, and R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, COOH, and -C(O)R⁹; R⁹ is hydrogen or a monovalent saturated or unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbyl moiety.